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## BUDGETS

### **SB 276 (PRUSI)**

DLEG budget

The Department of Labor and Economic Growth (DLEG) has primary responsibility for the regulatory functions that relate specifically to commercial, business, and workers' issues. It also includes activities within the former Department of Career Development such as various employment training-related programs for displaced workers, adults, and youth, and employment services for the disabled as well as welfare recipients. The Department also houses the Michigan Strategic Fund, an autonomous agency which reports to the Director of DLEG. The fund's programs are administered by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, with the primary task of promoting economic development in Michigan.

- The Senate adopted the Conference Report to SB 276 [RC 432: 37 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

### **HB 4831 (Hummel)**

Scaled-down omnibus budget bill

- The Senate adopted the Conference Report to HB 4831 [RC 433: 27 yes, 11 no].

## MESSAGES FORM THE HOUSE

### **HB 4803 (Gaffney)**

HB 4803 would prohibit school districts, public school academies, and intermediate school districts from beginning the school year before Labor Day.

Support: Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Restaurant Association, Michigan's Adventure amusement park, Michigan RV and Campground Association, Tourism Coalition of Michigan, Michigan Hotel, Motel, and Resort Association, Lake Michigan Car Ferry, Grand Hotel (Mackinac Island), Marriot International Michigan Boating Industries Association, Michigan Grocers Association, Muskegon Area Chamber of Commerce, Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds of Michigan, Small Business Association of Michigan West Michigan Tourist Council, Michigan Retailers Association, Michigan Golf Course Owners Association.

Oppose: Michigan Federation of Teachers, Oakland Schools, Michigan Association of School Boards, Michigan Association of School Administrators, Macomb school district, Middle and Elementary School Principals Association.

- The Senate concurred with the House changes to HB 4803 [RC 431: 25 yes, 13 no].

## THIRD READING

**SB 673 (Jelinek)**

**SB 674 (SWITALSKI)**

Support: Michigan Department of Education, Michigan Association of School Administrators, Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals, MFT.

SB 673 directs the State Board of Education to develop a school administrator certificate that is not required, but rather voluntary for administrators. Prior to revision of the School Code in 1995, school administrators had a certification process with the Department of Education similar to that of teachers.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- SB 673 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.

SB 674 provides for a \$125 School Counselor License Fee. School counselors that are certificated teachers currently pay for an additional endorsement for school counselor certification. Counselors that are not certificated teachers pay a license fee. This bill provides for the currently imposed license fee, but makes clear that certificated teachers are not subject to the additional license fee.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- SB 674 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.

**HB 4916 (Kooiman)**

**HB 4917 (TOBOCMAN)**

HBs 4916-17 would provide that a residential rental property owner would not be required to file an (renaissance zone) affidavit if the qualified local governmental unit in which the property was located determined that the property was in substantial compliance with all applicable state and local zoning, building, and housing laws, ordinances, and codes on December 31 of the immediately preceding tax year.

Reportedly, some owners of residential rental housing have lost the tax benefits they enjoyed as a result of the property's location in a renaissance zone after the owners failed to file the required annual affidavit of substantial compliance as required by the Michigan Renaissance Zone Act and the General Property Tax Act. Apparently, the failure to file was an oversight and those property owners lost the substantial tax breaks they received despite the fact that the property continued to comply with State and local zoning, building, and housing laws. The bill would allow those property owners to forego the filing of the annual affidavit and still receive the tax benefits of the renaissance zone as long as the property was in substantial compliance with the housing laws.

HB 4916:

- HB 4916 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments.

HB 4917:

- HB 4917 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments.